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1. SUMMARY: UN SPECIAL REP POLAD REPORTS THAT SEVENTH SESSION OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON ANY QUESTION. DENKTASH INDICATED THERE MIGHT BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF AIRPORT CLEANUP (BUT NOT REPAIR). CLERIDES OFFERED TO CONSIDER DROPPING DEMAND FOR UN ROLE IF TURKS RELINQUISHED DEMAND FOR GUARANTOR ROLE. DENKTASH CLARIFIED TURK PROPOSAL ON GREEK CYPRIOT RETURN TO ATHIENOU AREA, BUT CLERIDES REJECTED IT OUT OF HAND. END SUMMARY.

2. NICOSIA AIRPORT. CLERIDES INDICATED THAT GREEK SIDE MIGHT BE WILLING TO FOREGO ITS DEMAND THAT ANY REOPENING OF AIRPORT BE UNDER UN UMBRELLA, IN FORM OF EITHER UN MANAGER OF STAFF, IT TURK SIDE WILLING TO WITHDRAW DEMAND FOR CONTROL GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM GUARANTOR POWERS. CLERIDES SUGGESTED THAT AIRPORT COULD BE RUN BY TWO COMMUNITIES WITHOUT OUTSIDE PRESENCE OF ANY SORT, AND THAT COMMUNITIES BE REPRESENTED IN
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EMPLOYMENT AND MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY "PROPORTIONATELY".

WHEN DENKTASH ASKED WHAT CLERIDES MEANT BY PROPORTIONATELY, CLERIDES DECLINED TO SPECIFY, SAYING THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED. DENKTASH SAID THAT HIS SIDE WOULD TAKE THIS PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. DENKTASH SUBSEQUENTLY SUGGESTED THAT TURKS MIGHT BE AGREEABLE TO PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BRITISH SUGGESTION FOR CLEANING UP AIRPORT. AREA COULD BE SWEEPED FOR EXPLOSIVE; DEBRIS COULD BE REMOVED; RUNWAYS COULD BE CHECKED FOR SOLIDITY; PERHAPS DAMAGED AIRCRAFT COULD EVEN BE REMOVED. HOWEVER, TURKS NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO CONSIDER ACTUAL REPAIR OF RUNWAY OR LANDING AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS. THIS IDEA WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER.

4. ATHIENOU-ACHNA RETURN. DENKTASH UNDERTOOK TO CLARIFY HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS REGARDING RETURN OF GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES TO THESE AREAS. DENKTASH SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE DE FACTO CEASEFIRE LINE AND THAT THE TURKISH ARMY WOULD NOT PULL BACK AT ANY POINT. HOWEVER, THE ARMY WOULD (IN UN POLAD'S WORDS) "IN A CERTAIN MANNER KEEP AWAY FROM THOSE AREAS INTO WHICH GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD MOVED BACK." RETURNEES WOULD HAVE ABILITY TO TRAVEL FREELY BETWEEN THEIR HOMES AND GREEK CYPRIOT-CONTROLLED AREA. CLERIDES WOULD SELECT AREAS FOR REHABITATION; THOSE WHICH WERE MILITARILY SENSITIVE, AS DETERMINED BY ARMY, WOULD BE ELIMINATED. UN WOULD HAVE SOME (NOT SPECIFIED) POLICE AND CONTROL ROLE IN THESE AREAS. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GREEK CYPRIOTS ALLOWED BEHIND TURK LINES WOULD BE 5,000.

5. CLERIDES' REACTION WAS NEGATIVE. HE REPLIED THAT NOT ONLY WAS THE DENKTASH PROPOSAL, WITH THE CLARIFICATIONS JUST GIVEN, UNACCEPTABLE, HE (CLERIDES) WOULD NOT EVEN CONSIDER IT. CLERIDES DID HOWEVER CITE TWO REASONS FOR HIS "NON-CONSIDERATION": INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RETURNEES AND PLACEMENT OF RETURNEES BEHIND TURK LINES.

6. HUMANITARIAN SUBSOMMITTEE: TALKS REMAIN STALLED MAINLY BECAUSE GREEKS ARE DISPLEASED BY LATE NEWS OF TURK CYPRIOT SETTLEMENT OF GREEK AREAS NEAR MORPHOU, AND BECAUSE OF CONTINUED HARASSMENT OF GREEKS STILL LIVING IN
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NORTH WITH VIEW TO FORCING THEM SOUTH. FACT THAT FOUR DOME HOTEL FAMILIES HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO REOCCUPY THEIR HOUSES IN KYRENIA DID NOT SWAY GREEK CYPRIOTS. FREEZE ON MOVEMENT BETWEEN TWO AREAS REMAINS IN EFFECT EXCEPT FOR SUPER-EMERGENCY CASES. HOWEVER, SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUES TO AGREE TO TALK AND ATMOSPHERE IS FRIENDLY, ACCORDING TO POLAD.

7. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OR
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